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1. On the morning of 4 July 1951, four artillery pieces of a hitherto unobserved type were loaded at the Dallgow-Doeberitz railroad station. They had solid wheels with pneumatic tires, a protective shield bulging forward, no muzzle brake, a split-tail carriage whose cross-section was U-shaped and 150-mm to 180-mm. The guns had arrived from the north gate of Altes Lager, were towed by trucks/ and escorted by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Six other trucks loaded with the artillery pieces

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2. Troops began to leave the hutment in the Olympisches Dorf-Elstal area on 12 July. The 48 low wooden barracks, including 10 supply and classroom buildings, of the camp had been occupied by personnel who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Two courses of instruction had been conducted there, the first having been a course for enlisted personnel of undetermined strength and the second an officer training course of allegedly 700 trainees. The two groups were loaded on three trains on a spur track near the Loewen Kaserne during the night of 12, 13 and 16 July. Rumors among the local population said that the trains left for Neuruppin and Grossen (O 53/W 00) on the Oder River. A German loading worker stated that two more trains with furniture and coal followed the three aforementioned trains. All 120 German employees in the hutment were discharged. **

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3. Soviet officers that the tank battalion stationed in Olympisches Dorf-Elstal would be transferred. The Panzer Kaserne was still occupied by 17 July. An undetermined number of T-34 tanks with and without muzzle brakes were seen there. A German locksmith said that the tank troops in the Panzer Kaserne would also leave.

4. The tank troops at Doeberitz airfield-Elstal were alerted several times on the morning of 7 July. After sirens blew, the noise of many tank motors was heard from the airfield.

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is believed that [] with regard to the size because guns of that size are not organically assigned to the division artillery.
** [] Comment. The transfer of the officer training courses to Wuenstorf was previously reported, with the last shipment pertaining to this movement having been observed on 12 July 1951. []

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